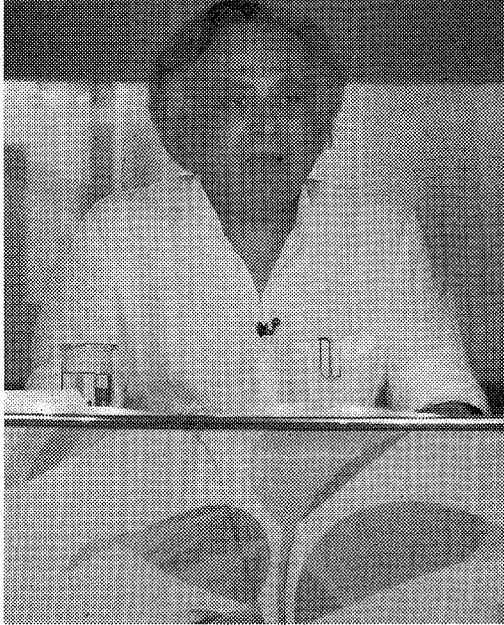


JAIRAM FOR PARALEGAL CENTRES IN NAXAL AREAS



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Clearly identifying land alienation key to growth of Naxalism, Union minister for rural development Jairam Ramesh on Tuesday proposed to establish paralegal assistance centres in all the Naxal-affected districts. He said that these centres would document all cases of land alienation and work for restoration of lands to their rightful owners, mostly tribals.

He rued the fact that tribals and other people have been victims of repeated displacements due to non-implementation of rehabilitation and resettlement policy in the case of large power and irrigation projects. Mr Ramesh was delivering the Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture on the subject of "From Tirupati to Pashupati: Some reflections on the Maoist issue" organised by Prasar Bharti.